



U.S. Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade Katie S. Hagen

Lieutenant Junior Grade Katie S. Hagen is a three-year veteran of the United States Navy and is currently serving as part of the *Why We Serve* speakers program. She recently returned from assignment on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and is speaking to groups around the country about her personal experiences serving in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Having cultivated a love for the water as a Sea Scout, Hagen joined the Navy in 2004 after graduating from the Tulane University ROTC program in New Orleans, La., where she was ranked number one amongst all ROTC Surface Warfare Ensigns. Upon her graduation, she chose to serve aboard the USS Donald Cook stationed in Norfolk, Va. as the Auxiliaries Division Officer, responsible for a division of ten enlisted sailors and all non-propulsion related machinery.

In September 2005, Hagen deployed with the USS Donald Cook to the Arabian Gulf as part of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. While deployed, Hagen performed anti-pirating operations off the coast of Somalia and maritime security operations in the Gulf.

Hagen deployed again in November 2006 and was assigned to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Strike Group until March 2007. She was primarily responsible for theater security cooperation initiatives with four of the six Gulf Cooperation Countries and coordination of replenishment of sea operations between U.S. warships and oil carriers.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Slidell, La., Hagen currently resides in Norfolk, Va. and is assigned as a Training Officer on the staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Eight. When not fulfilling her military responsibilities, Hagen enjoys sailing, fishing, traveling, tennis, investing, real estate, and Indian artifact hunting.

Hagen's decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star, the National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Gold Star.